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In re Application of)	IE(JH CENTER 1600/290
Schade et al.)	Art Unit: 1617	-/
Serial No. 09/381,484)	Examiner: Wang, S	
Filed: February 28, 2000)	June 11, 2001	
For: Use of Docosahexanoic Acid and Arachidonic Acid Enhancing the)	MJ0729	$\partial \mathcal{N}$

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Non-Fee Amendments **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Growth of Preterm Infants

Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action dated March 14, 2001, Paper Number 6, please amend the Application and consider the Remarks as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel Claims 9-13.

Kindly amend the Claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:1 to 3:1.

Kindly add the following Claims;

14. An infant formula suitable for enhancing the growth of preterm infants, the improvement comprising the inclusion in said preterm infant formula of a growth enhancing amount of DHA and ARA.

- 15. The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:2 to 5:1.
- 16. The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is 1:1 to 3:1.
- 17. The infant formula of Claim 14 wherein the ratio of ARA:DHA is about 2:1.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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